

Remarks

I. The Office Action

Claims 43-71 are pending, and claims 69-73 are withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement. Claims 43-68 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting. Reconsideration of the claims as pending is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of the claims under obvious-type double patenting

Claim 41-73 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9, 11-14, 17, and 19-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,316,011. The instant application is commonly owned with U.S. Patent No. 6,316,011. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) accompanies this response to overcome this rejection. Enclosed is a check to cover the fee of \$55.00 set forth in 37 CFR § 1.20(a).

III. Petition for Extension of Time

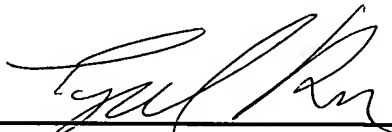
Applicants hereby Petition for a two month extension of time to extend the period for response for two months, up to and including June 23, 2003. Enclosed is a check to cover the fee of \$210.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

IV. Miscellaneous

It is submitted that the foregoing remarks place the above-identified application in condition for allowance. A favorable Notice to this effect is requested. If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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